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A Message From the Chairman

Thanks to our many members who have called or written to say they missed **The Cornerstone**. As you see, we are back in production and look forward again to providing members with a quarterly issue. If you have items of interest for insertion in the newsletter, please contact the Editor in care of the Foundation.

From the inception of the Foundation, one of the privileges of membership has been the opportunity to nominate and elect three of the 9-member board of directors. In 1987 amendments were made to the Historical Resources Act, under which jurisdiction the Foundation functions, which affect the measure of direct member involvement. These amendments provide that all board members are to be appointees, thereby eliminating the election process. We understand that board directors elected in 1987 will be able to complete their 2-year term.

So that our members are fully informed as to the amendments, following are the affected subsections of the Act, first as they existed prior to the amendments, followed by the stipulations of the amendments:

Historical Resources Act 1980, Part 3, Section 34

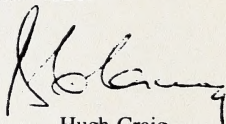
Subsection 1) There is hereby established a corporation with the name "The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation" consisting of a board of directors of nine persons and the other persons that become members of the Foundation. Subsection 2) The board shall consist of

- (a) six directors appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to serve for the term designated in their respective appointments, and
- (b) three directors elected by the members from the general membership to serve for a period of two years.

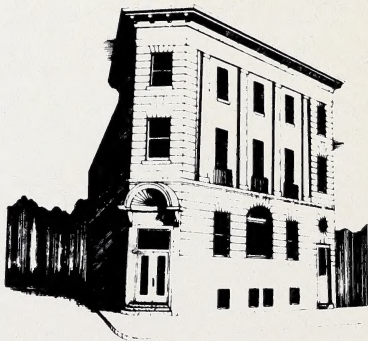
The Historical Resources Amendment Act 1987, Part 3, Section 34 is amended

- (a) in subsection (1) by striking out "of 9 persons"
- (b) by repealing subsection (2) and substituting the following: (2) the board shall consist of not more than 11 directors appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to serve for the terms designated in their respective appointments.

If you wish to comment on the above, please direct your correspondence to the Chairman of the Board, in care of the Foundation, or contact the staff at 297-7320.



Hugh Craig
Acting Chairman



The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation was established in 1976 to provide the means to assist in the preservation of the Province's historic buildings, sites and objects and to encourage and promote public awareness of Alberta's past.

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The Foundation

The Foundation is a Provincial Crown Agency, able to involve Albertans directly with its programmes and projects. Donations and bequests of funds or property receive the tax benefit of a donation to the Crown.

Membership is only \$5.00 a year. It entitles a supporter to receive the Foundation's quarterly magazine which includes notices of Foundation activities and forthcoming exhibitions at the Foundation's office and gallery and heritage activities throughout the Province.

Albertans are invited to contact the Foundation's office with their enquiries, news and information of subjects and events which they want to share through the pages of the magazine.

Please direct all enquiries to:
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Cornerstone: A stone forming a part of a corner or angle in a wall; specifically such a stone laid at a formal ceremony or; the most basic element; the foundation of.

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COVER PHOTO: The Flatiron Building located on the main street of Lacombe, one of three such structures in Alberta, has been a community landmark since its construction in 1904. An excellent example of adaptive reuse, this building was formerly the Bank of Montreal and now houses a photography studio.

Glenbow Archives, Calgary;
Robert Graham, Calgary.

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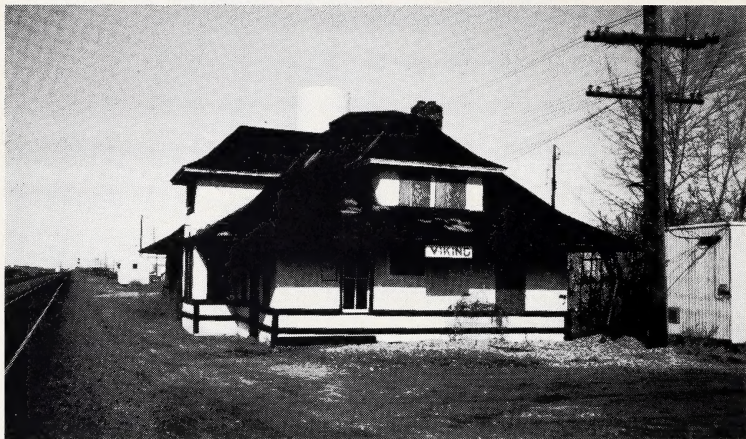
Recent Foundation Grants

Oppertshauser House

With the assistance of a \$29,000 grant from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, the Heritage Agricultural Society of Stony Plain will relocate the Oppertshauser House to the Multicultural Heritage Centre property. Plans include reconstruction and restoration finishes. The house, built in 1910 by Henry Oppertshauser Sr., will be refurbished to interpret the history of this pioneer family and will be used as an Art Gallery.



Viking Railway Station



The design plan for the Viking station, completed in 1909 by Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, was used for only one other station in Alberta. The station established the village and contributed to settlement of the area. As a landmark, it evokes Viking history as a service and transportation centre.

The Viking Family and Community Support Services recently received a

grant from the Foundation of \$15,000 to move and repair the building. The project includes installation of heating and electricity, reparation of plumbing, and insulation and reparation of doors and windows. A further phase will include exterior restoration. Planned use is as a cultural and recreation centre and tourist information location.

Vang Lutheran Church



Millet is part of Alberta's largest Scandinavian concentration. Earliest settlers were Norwegians from the U.S. who arrived in 1899. The need to hold to the familiar was expressed in their religion and language.

The Vang congregation organized in 1899 and construction of a church started in 1905. In 1931 the church

burned down and was immediately replaced by the present building. A recent grant of \$5,000 from the Foundation is to reshingle the steeple, to paint the exterior and to install basement storm windows and insulation. These renovations will allow continued use of the building for worship and social activities.

St. Jean Baptiste Roman Catholic Church

This historical resource, built in 1907, is still in active use as a parish church at Morinville. A grant of \$50,000 from the Foundation will allow the congregation to install a jack-pile system to the foundation, install weeping tile and a concrete floor.



Winner of “Prairie Elevators”



Richard Quiring displays his prize of the James Marshall pen and ink print, “Prairie Elevators.” The print is 15 by 20 inches, matted and framed. Mr. Quiring’s name was chosen in the new members draw, announced in the Spring, 1987 issue of **The Cornerstone**.

The Varscona Theatre: R.I.P.

In spite of wide spread community support to have the building preserved and rehabilitated for use as Canada Trust’s proposed branch office, the Varscona Theatre in Edmonton has been demolished by Canada Trust.

As one of the last surviving, if not the last, examples of Streamlined style theatres in the province its loss is greatly felt.

(from SPARE Newsletter, Summer 1987.)

Regional Report

Beiseker Regional Meeting

On Saturday, October 24, 1987 approximately 130 members and guests met at Beiseker for the Bow River Regional Meeting of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation.

The day began with a visit to the Beiseker Canadian Pacific Railway Station. Several years ago the Foundation provided a grant to assist in the restoration of this local landmark, which now proudly houses the town office, museum and library.

Following a meeting which provided an opportunity for the exchange of information on heritage matters, members visited the Grand Ole West Villa Ranche. Owners Larry and Ruth Hixt have created a streetscape reminiscent of a rural pioneer community and offer guided tours of the facility.



*Morning coffee at the
Beiseker C.P.R. station*



Touring the Grand Ole West Villa Ranche

The Alberta Main



The Newcastle Block, Drumheller, a symbol of the community's coal mining heritage, is owned by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and is the subject of strategic discussions regarding the preservation of these buildings in the face of future needs.

The Alberta Main Street Programme administered by the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation is the first agreement in Canada to be signed between The Heritage Canada Foundation and a provincial crown corporation.

This historic agreement signed April 13, 1987 establishes as the programme's mandate the rehabilitation and ongoing preservation and interpretation of historic resources in main street areas. Under the provisions of the agreement five new main street communities were established for a three-year term beginning in September, 1987.

Funding for the programme derives from Alberta Lotteries and Main Street Canada whose activities are funded in

part by the Department of Regional and Industrial Expansion. Technical expertise and advice is provided by Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism Historic Sites Service. In addition, the programme offers Main Street Canada's training and technical resources free of charge to each community.

The programme selection criteria states that communities should have a population between 3,000 and 50,000; that there must be evidence of strong support from the council and the business community; that the downtown should be economically viable and not totally dominated by regional or suburban shopping centres; and that the downtown commercial area should have a minimum of 30 percent heritage

Street Programme



Main Street, Lacombe. Lacombe has the most complete and intact Edwardian streetscape in the province. These buildings house viable businesses and will require little to restore them to their early glory.



Glenbow Archives

Main Street, Coleman in the Crowsnest Pass, as it was in 1912 . . .



. . . and as it is today. Although this landmark has lost its turret, it still houses a successful business.

buildings that date from the early development of the community.

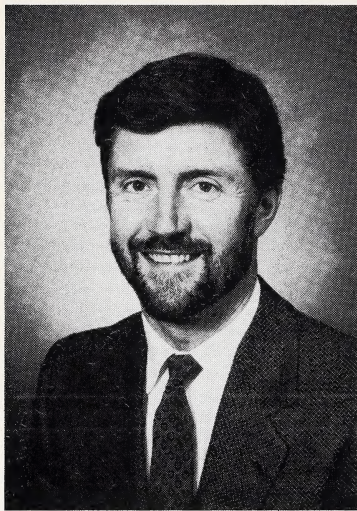
In early May of 1987 programme

brochures and application forms were sent to the mayors and Chambers of

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Announcements

New Main Street Director



Robert Graham,
Mathieson Photo Service Ltd.

Robert Graham has been named Director of the Alberta Main Street Programme, established in 1987 as a partnership between The Heritage Canada Foundation, Alberta Culture and Multiculturalism and the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (under whose auspices the programme is run).

The programme, part of the Heritage Canada regional network, is dedicated to the architectural and economic revitalization of Alberta's older downtowns.

Prior to assuming his present duties, Graham was Main Street coordinator in Medicine Hat, Alberta where he utilized his skills in planning, design and coordination of community programmes.

Prior to assuming duties for Main Street Alberta, Graham was a practicing Landscape Architect and Urban Historian. Graham has a special interest in the field of urban and rural historic districts. His experience ranges from urban development in Winnipeg to Main Street projects in southern Manitoba and includes community planning work for the historic northern communities of Norway House and Nelson House.

From 1968 to 1975 Graham worked as a designer and director for a number of performing arts venues in Vancouver, including CBC Television, the Vancouver Arts Centre Theatre, the Vancouver Playhouse and the Vancouver East Cultural Centre.

Graham is a graduate of the University of British Columbia (English/Theatre) and the University of Manitoba (M.L.A.) where he was gold medalist in his graduating year. He has published articles on landscape architecture and urban history and has lectured on various topics relating to conservation of urban heritage.

New Name, New Directions

In November 1986, in response to a resolution by the membership, The Petroleum History Society became The Petroleum Industry History Society. Another resolution passed at the Extraordinary Meeting defined the purpose of the Society: "to collect, conserve and disseminate information relevant to the history of the petroleum industry in Canada and to act in an advisory role to others interested in the petroleum industry."

These resolutions effectively broaden the scope and mandate of the Society so that it can actively locate, encourage and support the preservation of documents, artifacts, photographs and oral histories that form part of the

history of the Canadian petroleum industry. They also enable the Society to serve as an information and resource centre and to assist others in both a research and educational capacity.

For further information, please contact The Petroleum Industry History Society, 3800, 150 - 6th Avenue S.W., Calgary T2P 3Y7.

(from The Petroleum History Society Newsletter)

Canadian Heritage Magazine Wins Awards

The **Canadian Heritage** magazine has received six journalism awards from the International Association of Business Communicators — two in feature writing and four in photography. Teddi Brown received first prize for the article, "A Heritage of Hope," published in the February, 1986 issue. Marc Denhez took third prize for his article, "Taxes," which appeared in the May 1986 issue.

Photographer Andrew Danson of Toronto won first and second prize in the single photo subcategory for his shots, respectively, of Portuguese immigrants and of a craftsman working on the stained glass window. These photographs appear in the August 1986 and December 1986 issues. Robert Creese's Chinese Garden series appearing in the August 1986 issue won first prize for the color photo story subcategory.

The IABC is composed mainly of communications and media personnel in the private sector and is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the communications field.

(from The Heritage Canada Foundation Newsletter, August 1987)

Canplains Data Base

Canplains is a computerized data base of published and ongoing research about the prairie region. It is produced by the Canadian Plains Research Center (CPRC) as a means of facilitating knowledge. CPRC is an interdisciplinary, regional research center whose mandate is to initiate, undertake, encourage and support research and scholarly work on all aspects of prairie life.

Canplains covers all subject areas of relevance to the region, in particular its history, its people, its land and its problems and their solutions. Information is drawn from a unique variety of resources including journal articles, books, reports, government documents, research in progress, conference proceedings and papers, book chapters and Ph.D. and Masters theses. The database is growing at a rate of 4,500 new entries per year, and presently contains over 24,000 references.

The Canplains Data Base is available for searching across Canada on the CAN/OLE on-line information retrieval system operated by CISTI. CAN/OLE can be accessed through most libraries or by individuals with user numbers.

For further information contact Carol MacDonald, Canadian Plains Research Center, University of Regina, Regina, Sask. S4S 0A2. Telephone (306) 584-4758/59.

(from CPRC brochure)

Books



The Chronicle of the Hutterian Brethren

Only two hand-written 16th-century copies of the Chronicle survived the Hutterite odyssey. They were the source for this first English translation which offers insights into Hutterite life and relates the history of this Anabaptist group.

Available from The Hutterian Brethren, Plough Publishing House, Ulster, Park, NY 12487. Price: \$38.00 postpaid.

Under Whose Shade . . .

by Wes Henderson

Subtitled, A story of a pioneer in the Swan River Valley of Manitoba, **Under Whose Shade** highlights early pioneer life and captures the dreams and aspirations of the kind of people who made Canada great.

Available from Wes Henderson, 24 Seymour Ave., Nepean, Ont. K2E 6P2. Telephone: (613) 255-2744. Price: \$10.00.

To Mark Our Place

by Robert Shipley

Subtitled, A History of Canadian War Memorials, this deluxe large-format edition contains original photography by David Street. The volume documents 900 monuments coast to coast.

Available from NC Press Ltd., 260 Richmond Street W., Ste. 401, Toronto, Ont. M5W 1W5. Telephone (416) 593-6284. Price: \$24.95.



Remember Those Days

A special 1988 calendar containing 12 beautiful colour photos of containers of the past, including colourful lard pails, spice tins and tonic bottles.

Available from Lower Peace Publishing Co., Box 509, High Level, Alta. T0H 1Z0. Price: \$6.50 postage paid.

Fort Macleod Our Colourful Past

This reprint of Fort Macleod History Book is available from the Fort Macleod Historical Association, Box 776, Fort Macleod, Alta. T0L 0Z0. Cost: \$30.00 plus \$2.00 postage if mailed in Alberta.

Lethbridge News 1901-1918

Subtitled, A Subject and Biographical Index, this reference is a companion to the **Lethbridge News and Macleod Gazette 1882-1900: A Subject and Biographical Index**.

Available without charge from Sir Alexander Galt Museum, 910 - 4th Avenue South, Lethbridge, Alta. T1J 0P6. Telephone (403) 320-3898.



Looking Back

by George Roberts

This autobiography includes pictures, original poems and reminiscences of life in the early days.

Available from George Roberts, Box 44, Arrowwood, Alta. T0L 0B0. Telephone (403) 534-2426. Price: \$10.00 plus postage.



Discovering Your Scottish Roots

by Alwyn James

Includes helpful addresses, research principles and detailed information on how to proceed.

Available from Family History Store, Box 1325, Station T, Calgary, Alta. T2H 2H6. Price: \$9.95 plus postage (\$1.50 first book, \$.50 each additional book).

Furrows of Time

The Arrowwood-Mossleigh Historical Society has produced this 656-page hard cover history book of the Arrowwood, Shouldice, Mossleigh and Farrow districts.

Contact: George Roberts, Box 44, Arrowwood, Alta. T0L 0B0. Telephone (403) 534-2426. Price: \$35.00 plus \$3.25 postage.

Town Halls of Canada,

by Marc de Caraffe et al

This recent Environment Canada — Parks publication, is available from the Canadian Government Publishing Centre, Supply and Services Canada, Hull, Quebec K1A 0S9. Price: \$21.95. Cheques should be made payable to the Receiver General of Canada. Phone orders (1-819-997-2560) may be paid by VISA or Master Card.

Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings

This Environment Canada — Parks publication documents Canada's architectural legacy. The inventory promotes the conservation of the valuable legacy of Canada's architecture by increasing public awareness of historic architecture and by encouraging participation in its surveys.

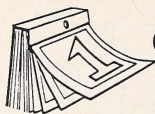
Available from Environment Canada — Parks, Ottawa, Ont. K1A 1G2. Telephone (819) 994-2866.

Canadian Heritage Preservation

by Eric P. Jokinen

Subtitled, A Manual of Building Conservation, this hardcover 158-page large-format publication contains examples of actual conservation projects which are used to illustrate specific topics, such as repair and stabilization of foundations. The book contains a wealth of practical and technical information as well as discussion on controversial issues surrounding heritage conservation.

Available: Lone Pine Publishing, #414, 10357 - 109 Street, Edmonton, Alta. T5J 1N3. Price: \$24.95.



Calendar of Events

Exhibits in the Art Gallery

The following schedule highlights exhibits planned for the Gallery in the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation headquarters in Calgary during 1988. For more information contact Dorothy Farnish at the Foundation: 297-7320.

January 13-26 — Bob Treacy, "Pen and ink sketches of Early Calgary."

January 15-February 26 — Doug Andrews, collection of stoneware pottery, pioneer furniture and artifacts.

March 1-30 — Calgary Artist Society, 40 members, watercolours, oils, pastels, mixed media.

April 4-28 — Brush Strokes of Calgary, watercolours and oils.

May 2-27 — Kaleidoscope Artists, Calgary, mixed media.

June 1-29 — Ernst Bollhorn, Red Deer, pen and ink.

July 4-28 — John Vanderkooi, Beiseker, oils and watercolours.

August 2-30 — Douglas and Nettie Murray, landscapes/oils, photographs.

September 2-29 — Vilma Ebl of Condor, "Alberta Wildlife," oils, acrylics, water colours.

October 3-28 — Sig Bradshaw, Bragg Creek, photography.

November 1-29 — Beth Jantzie, mixed media.

December 2-29 — Eileen Cox and Diane Keom, joint art show.

ATTENTION!

1988 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION

WHEN: weekend of April 16, 1988

WHERE: Ramada Renaissance Hotel, Edmonton

We are very pleased to be holding this year's meeting in Edmonton and are planning a full round of activities including walking tours and theatre, as well as the usual heritage awards and banquet. Dr. Colin Campbell, Executive Director, British Columbia Heritage Trust, will be the guest speaker. Something special is planned for Sunday morning, April 17, the information for which will be included in the flyer to be mailed to members. Circle the date on your calendar and plan to be with us.

FULL DETAILS WILL BE
IN THE MAIL SOON.



Business History Conference in Victoria

The Second Canadian Business History Conference, sponsored by the University of Victoria, will be held March 3-5, 1988 at The Coast Harbour Towers, Victoria, B.C.

Registration fees: Full participant (received by February 15) \$50.00; (received after February 15) \$60.00. Single day Registration and student rates are also available. For further information, please write: Conference Services, University of Victoria, P.O. Box 1700, Victoria, B.C. V8W 2Y2.

Regional Representatives Needed

The Alberta Historical Resources Foundation is seeking two regional representatives, one in the Peace River area and one in the Edmonton region. Duties include liaison with community organizations, promoting membership in the Foundation, arranging meetings, and acting as a local reporter to the Foundation on heritage matters. For further information call the Foundation, 297-7320, either collect or through the RITE government number.

Lost mitts: Caramel with orange embroidery and star design, blue and pink on back. Left at the regional meeting, Beiseker, in the meeting room. Contact the Foundation, 297-7320.

Main Street Alberta

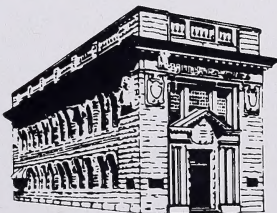
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Commerce of all towns and cities in the province. Thirteen towns completed the formal application process for the late June deadline.

After an intensive reviewing process, the towns of Lacombe, Drumheller, Cardston and the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass signed agreements with the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation's Main Street Programme in August. In November the town of Claresholm was announced as the fifth community in the Programme.

Positive reports from the mayors and businessmen of the new communities indicate the projects are on track. Heritage building rehabilitation and preservation projects are in the planning stages for 1988 based on the Edmonton Old Strathcona and the Medicine Hat models of utilizing Canada Works UIC Section 38 funds to assist in securing tradesmen for these labor-intensive projects.

The future looks bright for programme expansion in 1989 as requests for information from communities across the province continue to be received at the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation weekly.



New Grant Guidelines

To accommodate an expanded grant programme the Board of Directors recently approved revised guidelines. The categories under which funding applications are considered now include:

- Historic Resources Preservation
- Feasibility/Planning Studies
- Cemeteries
- Publications
- Research
- Education
- Presenting Workshops, Seminars, Conferences
- Professional Development in Heritage Preservation
- Soderstrom Fellowship
- Heritage Awareness

The Board is confident that the range of funding available will be helpful in serving the needs of the many and varied heritage endeavours initiated by heritage-minded Albertans.

For a copy of the Grant Programme Guidelines or for more information, please contact the Foundation by phoning 297-7320 or writing to 102 - 8th Avenue S.E., Calgary, AB T2G 0K6.

Membership Form — Please print clearly

New Member: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Membership Fee: \$ _____ enclosed (\$5.00 per member)

Submitted By: _____

Membership #: _____ Daytime Phone: _____

Attach a list of any additional new memberships with their addresses and phone numbers. Detach above form and mail with a \$5.00 cheque or money order for each membership to:

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